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1. IN EDITORIAL SIGNED BY EDITOR IN CHIEF THEOPHILE DOTSE,
TOGO-PRESSE OF FEBRUARY 15 BITTERLY ATTACKED TOGOLSE WHO
HOLD DUAL NATIONALITY AND CARRY MORE THAN ONE PASSPORT.
PRAISING PRESIDENT EYADEMA AS MODEL OF "AUTHENTIC TOGOLESE"
WHOSE EXAMPLE IS FOLLOWED BY MAJORITY OF HIS PEOPLE, DOTSE
CLAIMS THAT "A MINORITY DRIVEN BY A SORDID TASTE FOR PROFIT
AND HONORS OPTS FOR A DOUBLE OR TRIPLE NATIONALITY.... THEY
ARE HALF TOGOLSE, HALF FRENCH, HALF DAHOMEAN, HALF I DON'T
KNOW WHAT." SUCH PEOPLE "PLAY A DOUBLE GAME," AND TRY TO
"RUN WITH THE HARE AND HUNT WITH THE HOUNDS." NOW THE "POSE
AS GREAT NATIONALISTS," BUT "THEIR EXCESSIVE ZEAL (IS) HIDING
IN FACT THEIR DIABOLICAL INTENTIONS."

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2. EDITORIAL THEN URGES MILITANTS "TO DENOUNCE THESE RAPACIOUS WOLVES IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING"..."TO ASSIST TOP LEVELS OF RPT TO UNMASK THESE ENEMIES OF OUR COUNTRY." IMPERIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM (WHICH HAVE CONSISTENTLY BEEN BLAMED FOR "ATTEMPT" ON EYADEMA'S LIFE) "HAVE PLACED IN THE COUNTRY AND IN IMPORTANT POSITIONS THEIR FLUNKYS WHO ARE READY (TO PERFORM) EVERY LOW ACTION." THEREFORE, "A SYSTEMATIC DENUNCIATION AND PURGE IS IMPARATIVE."

3. SUMMING UP, DOTSE SAYS, "WE WILL PERMANENTLY BAR THE WAY TO THOSE WHO PRETEND TO BE TOGOLESE, ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE TWO OR THREE PASSPORTS...THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE A DOUBLE OR TRIPLE NATIONALITY IS AS VITAL AS THE ECONOMIC BATTLE WE HAVE JUST LAUNCHED...A GOOD TOGOLSE HAS ONLY ONE COUNTRY, TOGO, AND ONE PASSPORT, THE TOGOLESE PASSPORT."

4. ACCORDING RADIO TOGO, COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, MEETING MORNING OF 15 FEBRUARY, PROMOTED EYADEMA FROM MAJOR GENERAL TO GENERAL OF ARMY, AS RECOMMENDED BY RPT CENTRAL COMMITTEE (REFTEL).
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